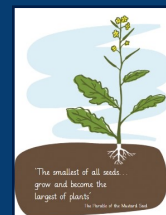




Newsletter

15.12.2023



'The smallest of all seeds... grow and become the largest of plants'
The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Our Christian Values

Hope

Compassion

Courage

Forgiveness

Respect

Responsibility



Enabling all to flourish

Dear Families,

What a busy week of learning and festive fun! We've had not one, not two, but *three* fantastic class trips this week, all carefully chosen to embed children's learning and provide real-life experience of what they've been learning about.

For example, Reception have been learning about their town and went on a local walk, Year 1 experienced a Victorian Christmas and learnt about the royalty from Lydiard Park, and Year 2 have visited Skillzone today to learn about modern fire-fighting after their history topic of the Great Fire of London!

Please see our calendar below for this week's Christmas events. All families are invited to the **Christingle on Tuesday morning**, and you are welcome to pop into your child's class on **Wednesday morning for Christmas Crafts—Christmas jumpers** at the ready too!

Our end of term staple, playground **Wake and Shake**, will have a Christmas theme this **Friday morning at 8:40am**, and the gates will open at **3:00pm** for **'Carols in the Courtyard'** before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

A reminder that children need to bring in a **packed lunch on Thursday 21st December**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18	19	20	21	22
	10:15am School Christingle Service at Holy Trinity Watermoor – all families invited	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day 8:45—9:30am Parents/carers invited into classes for Christmas Crafts	Festive Packed Lunch Picnic Please send your child in with a packed lunch from home as Caterlink hot dinners are not available on this date	Santa's Christmas Wake and Shake 8:40am playground Gates open at 3:00pm for 'Carols in the Courtyard' All children performing Families are welcome to come and watch and join in with the singing!

Cotswold Reindeer Herd:



We are so fortunate to have this special annual visit from the Cotswold Reindeer Herd, a huge thanks to Miss Ward for organising this with her family-run business. You can visit the reindeer with your family before Christmas. You can book here:

<https://www.cotswoldreindeerherd.co.uk/product/visit-reindeer/>

Absence

Following my email to families yesterday about the rise in seasonal illnesses, please refer to the NHS guidance to find out whether your child is well enough for school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.

A reminder that if you wish to take your child out of school for any other reason, you must fill out an absence request form via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/i49a9TqXs7> It is very unlikely that term-time holidays will be authorised and may result in a fine from the Local Authority.

Key events next week:

Mon 18th Dec	Fireflies Stay and Play Y4 Christmas Buffet
Tues 19th Dec	Christingle Service 10:15am
Wed 20th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Crafts 8:45am—9:30am Christmas Dinner Day
Thurs 21st Dec	Packed lunches in from home
Fri 22nd Dec	Wake and Shake 8:40am Carols in the Courtyard 3:00pm

Best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mrs Lois Smith
Headteacher

Our Vision Award winners this week:

Reception: Zeldá

Y1: Holly Z

Y3: Chloe

Y4: Riley

Y5: Elisa

Y6: Clara



Our Value Award winners this week:

Reception: George

Y1: Henry R

Y3: Anna

Y4: Millie

Y5: Poppy

Y6: Adam



Compassion